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C O N F I D E N T I A L AMMAN 06095

PARIS AND ANKARA FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SNAR, JO  
SUBJECT: NARCOTICS SMUGGLING CASE

1. GOJ ANTI-NARCOTICS DEPT HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOW-  
ING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO AN OPIUM TRAFFICKING CASE.  
INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO INTERPOL AND/OR GOI  
NARCOTICS CONTROL OFFICIALS.
2. SUBJECT IS JAMIL HUSAYN MAHFUZ ABU LAWI, BORN IN  
1928, ORIGINALLY FROM AL'ABASIYYAH, NOW RESIDENT OF JERI-  
CHO AND OWNER OF A CAFE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY NEAR  
ALLENBY BRIDGE. MOTHER'S NAME IS HAMDAH.
3. ABU LAWI WAS ARRESTED ON MAY 4 1963 AND CHARGED WITH  
POSSESSION OF HASHISH AND OPIUM. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY  
SENTENCED BY JERUSALEM DISTRICT COURT TO THREE-YEAR JAIL  
TERM.
4. ABU LAWI'S NAME REAPPEARED DURING INTERROGATION OF  
NASIR NIMR TAHA OF AL'ABASIYYAH WHO WAS ARRESTED WITH  
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SEVERAL OTHERS BY GOJ ON MAY 25, 1978 ON DRUG TRAFFICKING  
CHARGES. TAHA CLAIMS TO HAVE BOUGHT 88 JD WORTH OF  
OPIUM FROM ABU LAWI. TAHA ALSO CLAIMS THAT HE AND ABU  
LAWI TOGETHER BOUGHT 1 KG OF OPIUM FOR 700 JD. THIS  
OPIUM WAS SMUGGLED TO THE WEST BANK AND SOLD IN ABU  
LAWI'S CAFE. A SECOND KG OF OPIUM WAS ORDERED FROM A  
MUFID AL-GHIZZAWI IN JORDAN FOR SALE IN THE WEST BANK.

HOWEVER, AL-GHIZZAWI AND TAHA WERE ARRESTED BEFORE LATTER  
TRANSACTION COULD TAKE PLACE.SUDDARTH

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